

Subject: COVID Mandate Protests 2022-02-08 1200 EST

Update as of 2022-02-08 1200H EST

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

- A protest convoy continues to blockade the Ambassador Bridge POE. All vehicles have been cleared from the Ambassador Bridge and all Canada bound traffic has been diverted, resulting in traffic back ups into the US. Staff are able to report to work in intervals when there is an opportunity or are reporting to the offsite location.
- Windsor Tunnel, Blue Water Bridge and Queenston POEs have experienced delays and border wait times overnight. As of 1100 ET, Blue Water Bridge (BWB) wait time is 1hr 30 minutes. BSOs from other SOR POEs are augmenting resources at BWB.
- On February 7, 2022, the SOR Regional Operations Centre was activated. A Border Alert was issued for the Ambassador Bridge service disruption, providing alternate routing for travellers to the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel and commercial vehicles to the Sarnia Blue Water Bridge. Communications has issued public messaging (Tweets) advising of the service disruption and alternate routes.
- On February 8, 2022, Coutts POE reports southbound blockades have backed up commercial traffic to the US. A single northbound (Canada bound) lane is open with minimal traffic.

Upcoming Protest Events		
ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
• Ottawa – February 7, 2022, Parliament Hill protest continues • Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. • Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge, February 7&8, 2022	• Ottawa – February 7, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown.	CANADA: • Peace Bridge, SOR – February 20, 2022 US: • Washington, US Capital - February 8 and 9, 2022, US Freedom Convoy (no new information from CBSA LO in Washington) • Buffalo – February 11, 2022 • Port Huron (Sarnia) – February 12, 2022 Overseas: • Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) • New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests

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Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 8, 2022, as of 0830, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Quebec:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

NOR

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

GTA:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:

Ambassador Bridge:

- Windsor Police Services have activated their Operations Centre and a coordination meeting is planned this morning; a CBSA representative will be present at the WPS Ops Cen.
- As of 1000 ET, there are a small number of vehicles and trucks able to access the bridge from the Wyandotte Street entrance, to go to the US. No other vehicles are using the bridge at this time.

PRA:

Coutts:

- On February 8, 2022, as of 0930 ET, Coutts POR reports Southbound blockades have commercial traffic backing up with delays increasing. The RCMP have advised early this morning that a single lane was re-opened heading Northbound with minimal traffic. There is currently no wait time heading Northbound.

PAC:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Other from PS:

- February 8, 2022 as of 0827 ET, Transport Canada has modified the NOTAM over Queens Park in Toronto until 1900 ET on 13FEB2022.

- February 7, 2022, as of 1700 ET partner agency reports minimal people (200) on Parliament Hill, Wellington and surrounding streets. There were no reported incidents overnight. Police resources will continue to conduct fuel seizures, when safe to do so.
- Court grants injunction to silence honking in downtown Ottawa for 10 days